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very interesting article is published in the Revue des deux Mondes from the pen of Mr. FELIX-KLEIN; in which he deals with the relations between Japan and the United States, more especially in connection with the immigration question, which not long since attracted so much attention, but also in respect to the general relations of the two countries as to the Pacific. : While taking a very moderate view of the causes which are likely to lead to friction between these two nations, Mr. Klein is by no means inclined to lessen their gravity or to ignore unpleasant facts, either in the past or in the not wery distant future. He recognises fully the acuteness of the feeling which was evoked in Japan by the exclusion of Asiatics from the schools in San Francisco, but, on the other hand, gives full weight to the general friendliness which has always subsisted between the two countries, and strangers from all other parts are welcomed. one of which it is very difficult to see a it certainly cannot be realised in the near complete solution. He points out that in future, and Mr. K LEIN frankly admits the the United States the Asiatic question is difficulty of dealing with a question of so one which is not likely, unless some radical speculative a character. At the same time change takes place in the views of the people, to be capable of modification. It differs in an essential way from the negro question, to which some sort of solution-

though by no means a perfect one, has been

that it would be an error to suppose that the opposition to the Yellow races is merely the prejudice of one particular class. The ides of the United States is to form, from very divergent elements, a people who will possess a unity, and as a whole will govern itself, without distinction of fortune, trade, or origin. " Everything which goes counter to such a unification and cannot be assimilated, compromises the working of the whole—the health of the body politic—and should therefore be eliminated." As experience proves, the different white races who adopt America as their country do assimilate themselves in an extraordinary way to her civilization, but on the other hand, the black and yellow races are impervious to this influence and do not unite with the white population. This difficulty is very different as it regards the negro population and the yellow races, as the former do not belong to any outside nation of such importance or power that any complaints as to their being deprived of full civil rights will be made. If the negros were still in Africa a good exclusion law would meet the difficulty. and "even if the Republic of Liberia were offended at it, this would not very much trouble the United States."

In respect to the number of the Asiatic immigrants in the United States, which is estimated at about 140,000, it is pointed out that though this appears a small matter as compared with the 80 million inhabitants of the country, it must not, in judging of its effects, be considered in reference to the total population of the United States, but as it bears upon the comparatively still sparse populations of California and Oregon, where the Asiatic immigrants are concentrated and to which they have more easy access by sea than the Americans from the East have by land. The difficulty of the Asiatic immigration question in the United States is not lessened by the undoubted fact, to which attention is forcibly directed, that, say what people will, Asiatic labour is greatly required there. As Mr. KLEIN puts it: "They may not be liked, but after all they are wanted." This is recognised by those who are opposed to them in the United States, and is the cause which induces the Chinese and Japanese to leave their own countries and to be willing to submit to "Draconian" conditions of labour in a foreign land. They do not leave their native countries by caprice, but by necessity and because they cannot find means of subsistence in them. As to the chances of the difficulty which he

has fairly pointed out becoming mitigated as time goes on, Mr. KLEIN speaks with the reserve that is to be expected in dealing with so intricate a matter. On the whole, both parties may safely be relied upon to avert the possibility of any resort to force for, at all events, some years to come Neither party is desirous of going to extremes; and, as before observed, Japan and the United States have always been upon terms of mutual friendship and confidence. Under such circumstances, it may fairly be hoped that the good sense of both parties will find some means of coming to an understanding that may be satisfactory to both sides, and will diminish the acuteness of the position which has for some time past been felt. There is no doubt that not only as regards the immigration question, but in respect to trade interests, there is a likelihood for some years to come of there being considerable rivalry between the Western States and Japan. But it is not to be overlooked that if there are some things in which they must of necessity be rivals there are also very many in which they have -common interests, and by careful manage. ment and wise diplomacy, it may be reasonably lioped that the latter will prevail. With respect to the ultimate solution of the difficulties pointed out, Mr. KLEIN throws out a suggestion, which, at first sight, seems somewhat Utopian; but which is still worthy of some consideration. He thinks it possible that the Japanese may be converted to Christianity, and may so far change their moral and social ideas that the barrier between them and the white races will be removed, and that they may then be welcomed in the United States in the same way as which it may be reasonably hoped will go He even goes so far as to throw out the idea far in the future, as it did on that par- that Japan may not only adopt Christianity ticular occasion, to smoothe over such herself, but may be the means of causing it to difficulties as may arise. At the same spread in China and in other Asiatic countime, he does not disguise that this question, tries. There are undoubtedly some signs though it may be put aside for a time, is which may lead to a hope of this kind; but

he takes a sanguine view of the effects

which Christianity may be destined to

produce. After reviewing what has been

accomplished in the past he concludes by

expressing the opinion that it would make

found. Upon this point Mr. Krain remarks | avast stride in Japan, if once the Missionaries found means of enlisting the services of native catechists and ecclesiastics. This in fact, is already done to a great extent. After all," he concludes "what nation in the past has become and continued Christian by following any other method? From the day when they have a Japanese clergy and episcopate, Japan will probably not have much hesitation in embracing Christianity, and, herself converted, will be able to evangelise, far better than we can hope to do so, Korea, China and, indeed, the whole of the Far East."

> H.E. the Governor dines with the stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club on Monday

The five men charged with being concerned in the death of a cotton operative at East Point were yesterday committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Two gange of gamblers crowded the Magistracy yesterday. One lot numbered 24 and the ponalties were imposed.

The attention of members of the local football clubs is directed to an advertisement in another column of a meeting to be held on the 24th inst. for the transaction of business in connection with the Challenge Shield,

A sampan which anchored in the southern fairway on Wednesday was nearly run down by one of the Canton steamers. The owner appeared before the Magistrate yesterday charged with anchoring in the fairway and was

At the Marine Court yesterday Frank Downs, master of the s.s. Juteopolis, prosecuted Hans Kristensen for disobeying lawful orders. Defendant was found guilty and fined two days' pay and sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Considerable structural alterations are being made at present in Victoria Gaol, Practically the whole of the central portion, where the offices are situated, is being reconstructed, and the work is being carried out by prison labour, One of the features of the proceeding is the figure of an Indian guard, armed with rifle, keeping watch from an overlooking roof.

The two men who were on Wednesday fined for being in possession of opium which they were found secreting in Conduit Road were yesterday sentenced to two months' imprisonment each for having a printing die in their possession for applying a false trade description to opium, purporting that the opium came from the Opium Farm.

A Selanger Government Gazette Extraordin ary notifies a change in the import duties of opium. From December 1, the duty will b \$1,600 per chest of forty balls, and \$1,600 per chest or packet weighing 120 catties. The imhowever, he considers that the good sense of | port duty on opium has hitherto been \$560 per hest of forty balls. The average yield of pur chandu from one ball of opium is estimated at 2 tabils or 37h ounces,

A test case came before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday when a private ricalis coolie was charged with using the private ricehe in question to ply for hire. It was stated by the police that the defendant had arrangement with certain parties to take them to and from the Ferry wharf and the ricsha coolies naturally protested against the practice of the defendant. His Worship discharged the defendant with a

H.E. the Governor gives an Official Dinner to-night to which the following have been invited :- Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, Colonel the Hon. C. Lambton, Colonel Commander Norris, Mr. H. Mulleneux, Commodore, Mrs and Miss Lyon, Major-General Sir Henry Rawlinson, Admiral Barry, U.S.N., Capt. J. M. Orchard, U. S. S. West Virginia, Captain J. Pond, U. S. S. Pennsylvania Mr. W. A. Glassford, Mr. and Mrs. Rubles, Mr. G. L. Tottenham, M. F. B. L. Bowley, Dr. Thomson, Captain and Mrs. Lyons, Sir Heary and Lady May, Mr. and Mrs, Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Ram, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Pinckney, Rev. and Miss Spink, Captain and Mrs. Addison, Captain and Mrs. Bell, H.E. Major General Broadwood, Captain Heathcote, Dr. and Mrs. Voretzsch and Mr. Fletcher.

dressed Chinese, who was said to be a compradore suggested that the summons be withdrawn, but as the defendant preferred a charge of assault against the police officer Mr. Hallifax decided that the case should be more fully heard, which was done later in the day. The policeman's story was that he was approached by a ricsha coolie, who informed him that he had taken a fare to a Chinese club and the latter had not paid him. When he tried to enter the club he was driven off by the fokis. The officer went into the club to find the man and was accested by defendant, who challenged Lim for being on the premises without permission. Sergt. Grant then noticed the gun standing in a corner and asked if defendant had a licence for it. As he could weapon. The defendant alleged that the officer

struck him in the chest.

tracy yesterday before Mr. E. R. Hallifax.

Acting Sergeant Grant presecuted a well-

A storekeeper was at the Magistracy sent to | TELEGRAMS. prison for one month for salling a pair of bineculars which had recently been stolen from the naval store at Kowloon.

In some notes on the recent Interport Cricket featival the Singapore Free Press rays: "A high tribute of praise is paid to the Hongkong side, but it was generally felt that on a Singapore ground matters might have been very different. By the way, when are we going to get Hongkong down here P So far it has been a auccession of visits for us up north, and there is really such a difference in ground and surroundings that we are due refectival. Perhaps it will be possible to arrange one which will include Hangkok in the participants as well, though one supposes it is too much to expect Shanghai to come all the way."

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET TRIANGULAR LEAGUE:

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Considerable interest was shown in the first match of the series of triangular contests on the part of the Navy, Garrison and Hongkong principals were fined \$50 and the others \$3 each. Club teams, and the meeting yesterday was The second lot consisted of 20, and similar productive of very fine cricket. The pitch was, of course in excellent condition. The Military won the toss and decided to bat first. They sent in a strong combination and a phenomena stand was made, Baird scoring 125 before he was dismissed, and Power reached his third century this season, in each case retiring not out Scores:-

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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Sir Robert Anderson, K.C.B., in his recol lections in Blackwood's Magazine, gives some amusing peeps behind the scenes at the Home Office at the time he was employed there. He says :- Once of the senior clerks with whom struck up a friendship remonstrated with me for my activity and real. On his first joining the department, as he told me, the then chief the Hon. W. Lambton, Captain Clinton Baker, clerk impressed on him that the way to get on in the Civil Service was to do as little as possible and to do it as quietly as possible. And he himself proposed by acting on that excellent advice. Whether Sir Robert scoopted the advice tendered he does not say. But Robert goes on to point out that "not a few of the clerks were habitual idlers": The office hours were from eleven to five. It was a nominal eleven and a punctual five, and much of the intervening time was devoted to luncheon, gossip, and the newspapers. Matters of public interest also claimed attention, such as, for instance, the future of public men who happened to be then coming into notice. . And, as a relief from such grave questions, bets were made as to whether more vehicles would pass up the street or down the street within a

specified time, or as to the colour of the horses. Oh Sir Robert Anderson's arrival one morning at the office he found a note from Sir James An interesting case was heard at the Magis Fergusson's private secretary his intimates called him "Creeper"-announcing that at three o'clock precisely an old hat, lately the property of the Chief Clerk, would be kicked off from the end of the corridor, and requesting in the service of Sir Paul Chater, with being in | the favour of Sir Robert's presence. When ' ig possession of a shot gun. As the licence for Ben struck three Sir Robert heard "Creeper's" the gun was produced in Court, his Worship Cheery voice ring out, and the game began. On a stranger at his side, a timid little Frenchman, who meekly inquired. "Is dis de office for de

naturalisation?" Sir Robert adds, "it was!" "Making hay" in a man's room at the Home Office was one of the stock amusements in Sir-Robert's time - On comme back from backeonone day he found every movable article of every kind which his room contained piled up on his table, and Lord Granville's private secretary-Mr. (afterwards Sir Robert) Meade standing in the middle of the floor surveying the pyramid. He had called on some important Foreign Office business. This was too much for Sir Robert. He told no tales, but he represented to the Chief that he found it very inconvenient to be unstairs, and a room on the main floor was again. assigned to him. Sir Sir Robert adds that the not produce it the officer took possession of the new Home Office "from its main plan down to its smallest detail is absolutely unsuited to the purpose for which it was intended."

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BEUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONE DAKLY PRESS."

THE METRIC SYSTEM FOR CHINA.

LONDON, December 16th. A Paris dispatch states that the Chinese Minister attended the office of the International Board of Weights and Measures to take formal possession of the Metric standard in connecwith the introduction of the metric system in China.

THE CONDITION OF KING LEOPOLD.

LONDON, December 16th. News from Brussels states that owing to an old intestinal complaint, the operation performed on the King was not so successful as was hoped and His Majesty's condition appears to have become worse.

A Brussels telegram dated midnight, states that the condition of the King is improving.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

London, December 16th. Sir Ernest Cassel is at Berlin, and is believed to be negotiating for British participation in the Baghdad railway.

DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

London, December 16th. The death is announced of Sir William Des Vœux, who was Govern-

DEATH OF BISHOP AWDRY.

LONDON, December 16th.

The death is announced of the Rt. Rev. William Awdry, who was Bishop of South Tokyo 1898-1908.

[Dr. Awdry was Bishop of Southampton before be came out to Japan in 1896 as Bishop of Omaks. He resigned the See of South Tokyo owing to ill-health. Dr. Awdry was 57 years of

INDIAN AND BUR WAH COTTON

An Allahabad correspondent writes :-It seems likely that the demand for Indian cotton will be exceptionally great when the exporting season sets in. Not only is there a serious shortage in the American crop, but Egypt is expected to supply five thousand tons less than last year. The ravages of the bollworm seem to be chiefly [responsible for the smaller yield in the Lower Nile Valley. It may be noted as an extraordinary development arising from the critical position of the trade that the American mills are said to be enquiring for Indian cotton. The third forecast of the cotton crop in

Burms for the year 1909-10 says-The third forecast of the principal cotton producing districts shows 195,237 acres under cotton, a decrease of 8.920 acres as compared with last year's actuals, and 6.963 acres less than the estimate in this year's second forecast. cause of the fall is found in Thayetmyo, where last month's estimate of 20,061 acres has been reduced to 12,355 acres. As a partial set-off against this are small increases in Minbu and Myingyan.

The season has not been very favourable for cotton. Rainfall has been untimely and the early cotton has suffered some damage from excessive moisture. This has reduced the acre outturns in Sagaing and Myingyan. The District Officers' estimates show that the total vield of clean cotton from the eleven districts reporting will be 32,830 bales of 400 lbs. This total is 8.068 bales less than last year's revised estimate of 40,898 bales.

WRECK OF THE "KING GEORGE

Particulars of the wreck of the British sailing ship King George in Sunda Straits show that she was bound for the United States with | that we should play a match at Hounslow. We a miscellaneous carge of Chinese goods, played eight a side, without any rules-just cheery voice ring out, "All on side: Play." mostly shipped at Hongkong. As usual at this | think of it! and try to imagine what the game time of year, says the Batavia Nieuwsblad, the must have been like. We tried to put some emerging from an unusually hot "scrimmage," winds and currents there were contrary. A sort of organisation into the game, which we Bir Robert became conscious of the presence of strong current caught the vessel and drove her rather based on that of a football team, placing ashore on a coral reaf. She sprang several leaks and water soon entered the holds. A steamwhich passed by had refused to render any mingled up anyhow, all jammed together, raminassistance, took off fourteen of the crew. Of the ing into each other: generally at a walk with buleties some went to Aprer in a boat and the little idea as to where the ball was, like a football rest were rescued by a lifeboat. Of the cargo, the portion lying at the top can be salved. master and one sailor are reported to have died. Reports are current at Batavia that the master killed himself.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Danish str. Siam left Sabang on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst. The C.P.R. str. Monteagle arrived at Vanconver on the 14th inst.

SUPREME COURT.

Phursday, December 16th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H.H.J. GOMPERTZ

(PUISNE JUDGE).

CLAIM FOR COAL SUPPLIED.

The action was proceeded with in which Wing Hop and another sued Ng Yuen Ha to recover \$780.35 for coal supplied under a guarantee.

Mr. Lee d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs. Goldring. Barlow and Morrell) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Hinds (of Messrs. Brutton and Hett) represented the defendants. Mr. Hinds informed his Lordship that the

endorsement on the writ was for the price of coal, but it appeared that the plaintiffs were suing for the guarantee on a promissory note. Mr. Almada-I am suing on the guarantee.

His Lordship -- You are satisfied with your endorsement? Mr. Almada-Yes.

Mr. Hinds-If my friend is satisfied I sek for judgment.

His Lordship—Has the promissory note been

Mr. Hinds-It has been endorsed over to another firm.

His Lordship—Has it been honoured? Mr. Hinds-I am not instructed either way.

Mr. Almada-Payment has been made by the guarantor. Mr. Hinds said the position was that there was a debt for coal for which the plaintiffs

accepted a promissory note. There was no evidence that the defendant had gone guarantee for the coal; she had only guaranteed a promis-

His Lordship told Mr. Almada to amend his writ by adding a second count.

Mr. Hinds did not think there should be two counts against them. The plaintiffs ought to sue one way or the other.

His Lordship-Why not alternately? There is nothing against suing on several counts. Before the case for the defence opened Mr-Almada wished to call a witness from the

country named Loung La Chun. Mr. Hinds objected. He had offered his friend. an adjournment to get his witness.

Mr. Almada -- He is a most important witness, His Lordship - Why couldn't you get him on the first occasion ?

Mr. Almada-Because he was away in the country.

His Lordship did not think Mr. Almada was entitled to call the witness after closing his

The defendant, in cross-examination, stated that she came to Hongkong from Australia about eight years ago. She was married immediately after her arrival, and had lived with her husband in Hongkong for the last five years. During that time her health had not been good. She was not educated in Chinese on account of the lack of facilities to acquire a Chinese education in the Commonwealth. She could speak the language, however, and could read a little. but she could not write it.

The hearing was adjourned sine die.

THE STARTING OF POLO IN ENGLAND.

It is ancient history now that one day in 1869. when the 10th Hussars were under canvas at Aldershot for the summer drills. Chicken Hartopp, lying back in a chair after luncheon reading the Field, exclaimed, "By Jove! this must be a good game" and read us a description of "hockey on horseback" in India. Some five or six of us who were in the tent then and there sent for our chargers, and routed un some old heavy walking sticks and a cricketball, and began to try to knock the ball about—a somewhat difficult thing to do properly, as may be imagined, on a tall horse with a short stick, as, of course, we could not reach the ball. However, it appealed much to us, and resulted in our improvising a sort of long-handled mallet and having some wooden balls turned about the size of a cricket-ball. We then deputed Billy Chaine to go over to Ireland and get us some ponies, impressing upon him that they must be very quiet and handy. and under 14 hands, and that we did not their being a bit slow, fr nobody at that time had any idea that you would be able "to go the pace" at the game. He returned with about seventeen ponies, and we set to work to try to fashion out a suitable ball and sticks and sticks and to play the

That started polo. The 9th Lancers were nuartered at Aldershot, and we got thom to come and try the game, and they promised to get ponies and play us a match later on. We returned to Hounslow, where we were quartered, and marked out a bit of ground on Hounslow Heath as a pole ground, and got a heavy roller and made it as level and as good as we could. I wonder what the polo player of the present day would say about that ground now ! Any way, we were very pleased, and sent off a challenge to the 9th Lancers, who had got together some ponies and had been working at the game at Aldershot, and it was agreed four men in the builty, with two half-backs and a back and a goalkeeper; but, as you may boat which was sent to help, after several ships | imagine, in about two minutes the two sides were scrimmage, and the only two people remaining in their places were the two goalkeepers, sticking religiously between their respective posts. However, we had grand fun, and a very cheery, good game, though one of the papers of the day said it was more remarkable for the strength of the language used during it than the brilliancy of play. We were, I think, rather a bigger and heavier lot of men than they were, and I suppose it was the force and weight of ourselves and ponies, or possibly the language, which succeeded in gaining us a scrambling victory, -From "Polo," by Colonel T. A. St. Quintin, in

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held on yesterday in the Council

Chamber. . The following were present :-

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL B. G.

BE ADWOOD, CB. Hon. Sir F. H. MAT, K.C.M.G. (Colonial

Mr. F. A. HAZELAND (Attorney-Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMBON (Colonial Trea-Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones (Director of

Public Works). Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General). Hon. Mr. F. J. BADELEY (Capt. Superinten-

dent of Police). Hon. Dr. Ho KAI, M.B., C.M.G. Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWETT. Hon. Mr. MURHAY STEWART. Hon. Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G. Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

PINANCIAL MINUTES. The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table that they be referred to the Finance Com-

mittee. PINANCIAL. The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 20)

and moved its adoption. The COLOSIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

LIQUOR DUTIES REBATE TO THE SERVICES. The COLONIAL SECRETARY-I beg to move the resolution standing in my name under section 2 of the Liquors Ordinance Amendment

Ordinance, No. 30 of 1909. Resolved that the sum of \$2,189 as an Import Allowance up to and including the 31st December, 1909, be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the Naval Authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Naval Stores the property of His Majesty) consumed at the Royal Naval Canteen.

Further resolved that the sum of \$10,268 as an Import Allowance up to and including the 31st December, 1909, be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the Military Authorities in respect of the duties. paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Military Stores the property of His Majesty) consumed at Head Quarter in we and the Military Messes bas Canteens in the Colon, - purchased by marries officers or men borne on margin of the Garrison for their own consumption.

Further received that the sum of \$8,400 as an Import Allowance for the year 1910 be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties parts on futualisting liquors to the Naval Authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Naval Stores the property of His Majesty) consumed at the Royal Naval Canteen.

Further resolved that the sum of \$47,600 as an Import Allowance for the year 1910 be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating "liquors to the Military Authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Military Stores the property of His Majesty) consumed at Head Quarter House and the Military Messes and Canteens in the Colony or purchased by married officers or men borne on the strength of the Garrison for their own comsumption.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in moving the resolution, said-Copies of the resolution have been circulated to members. The figures contained in the resolution are based on the return of consumption furnished by the naval and military authorities.

The Colontal TREASUREE-In seconding, sir. I may state that in my opinion the amount should be treated as debit to revenue instead of an item in expenditure. This will make all the difference as to the payment of 20 per cent. for the military contribution.

HIS EXCELLENCY -- The point raised by the Hon. Colonial Tressurer will be referred to the Secretary of State, on whose ruling depends recommended result. I shall be glad to to let people in the country know how matters noint to his favourable consideration.

HERELES STATION OF GATAS ISLAND.

H. ZECELLENCY—Gentlement I have to Since to the Council that the recommends. to the estate hment of a wireless station on the Pratas atoll to Minister at Peking has been waiwupu, to whom he forms he recommendation and he inhe matter to the consideration of the Bourg of Posts and Communications, and the latter now reply that the Viceroy of the Liang Kwang has been instructed to at once make the

THE STAMP ORDINANCE. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill entitled, " An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901."

necessary arrangements. (Applause.)

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded. Hone Dr. Ho Kai-Sir, before the third reading is taken and the Bill passed into law, I have a few remarks to make. In the second reading I, together with the other hon, members. gave my support to the Bill, inasmuch as it would give people a tendency to take out letters of administration and probate within a reasonable time. Since then, however, it has been pointed out to me that the delay in taking out administration or probate is due to ignorance

of the law or to not knowing that the deceased had property in this Colony. This especially is the case with the relatives of a deceased person who reside in Canton and the interior of China. Ignorance as to the property of the deceased in the Colony is remedied by section sub-section 20 (a), which contains a provision making it necessary to satisfy a judge of the Supreme Court that due and reasonable diligence has been exercised in ascertaining the existence of property in this Colony but without success. then the judge will not impose a penalty. As to ignorance of the law, I think we will have to devise some special means of making provisions of this Ordinance as widely known among the Chinese as possible. All the Ordinances are not translated beforehand and it will take some little time to translate and circulate this one: What I recommend the Government to do is to postpone the enforcement of this Ordinance until a translation has been made and copies distributed among the Chinese houses and shops in this Colony. It is well known that very few Chinese read the Gazette and very few read the European newspapers, and in order to bring the provisions of this Ordinance to the notice of Chinese in Canton and other parts of China as well as in Hongkong I think translations should be distributed, as it will encourage the Chinese to nance, 1898, and the Liquor Licences Extension social and private life here as well as of the probate and will also prevent hardships to the Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902." I beg discharge. In less than two years after his Financial Minutes (Nos 57 to 59), and moved relatives of the deceased person who may not be to move that the Bill be recommitted, as I have arrival in Hongkong, Bir William's health aware of the law and will have as a consequence to pay three times the amount he would have had to at first.

Hon. Mr. WEI YUK supported.

HIS EXCELENCY—I take it that the motion which the hon, member who has just spoken desires to make is that the Bill should be recommitted for consideration of the last clause, which bears the date on which this Bill comes into

peration. Hon, Dr. Ho KAI-I propose that the Bill be: recommitted with a view to considering the inst clause.

Hon. Mr. WHI YUE seconded. Council then went into Committee to consider

the clause. Hon. Dr. Ho Kar moved that the clause should read that the Ordinance should come into operation on July 1st, so as to allow six months for translation of the Ordinance and distribution

of copies among the Chinese community. He thought this would facilitate the enforcement of the Ordinance and that the time would not be The COLONIAL TREASURER was of opinion that six months was a very long time to allow

for translation. It could be done in a fortnight. The COLONIAL SECRETARY agreed, and said that the trouble was not ignorance as advised, but the trouble which has been found by the officers who had to administer probate was that full disclosure was not made. It was not that a man did not make disclosure, but he did no

make full disclosure. De. Ho Kar replied that that was provided for in eachipp. The COLONIAL SECRETARY Sais -oncealment

would have to be proved, and that was a dimenthing to do in connection with Chinage shope If it could be proved, they could prosecute a man before the Magistrate and get him imprisened. This clause was another way of remedying the

The COLONIAL TREASURER stated that the hon, member might not know that in the present Ordinance the principle of penalising for ignorance and carelessness is enforced to the extent of ten times the duty not paid. No one had ever objected to that on account of people not being aware of it.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kar said he was only speaking on behalf of people residing out of the Colony who did not know the law.

The COLONIAL TREASURER said they could not recognise people ontside the Colony.

HIB EXCELLENCY remarked that in such a ease the person would have the "opportunity of showing to the satisfaction of the Supreme

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL pointed out that the Ordinance did not take effect until after the interval of a year.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai asked what would be the result if a person did not know he had property.

The CAPTAIN-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE said they could not teach Hongkong law to all in the Kwangtung province.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai replied that if the Chinese here were given a little time they would be able

The COLONIAL SECRETARY pointed out that

they knew it already. Hon. Dr. Ho Kar said he had been informed by a big firm of solicitors that they had several cases in which people did not know they had property in the Colony. One occurred within the past week in which a widow came here to take out probate six years after the death of

that whatever they did there were pointed out

Hon. Mr. STEWART remarked that all the hon, member asked for was that action should he taken to render these cases as few as possible. Hon. Mr. HEWETT observed that if they agreed to this proposal they were opening a wide door, and equal time might be demanded so that all laws could be translated into Chinese and circulated not only in the Colony but among the neighbouring provinces.

-Hou. Dr. Ho Kai said he was not opposing the law. He simply wanted to make it known so that many hardships might be prevented.

His Excellency remarked that the Or. R Moon, Engineer-Lieutenant B. C. Bowler, dinance was very short, and he thought postponement until February 1st would give ample time

for translation and distribution. Hon. Dr. Ho Kar asked if His Excellency would consent to March 1st.

His Excurrence said this was only for the purpose of translation.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kar added that he wanted due knowledge to be given to the Chinese.

The COLONIAL TREASURER said they might object to any criminal law on the same ground. Hon. Mr. OSEORNE stated that it would be twelve months before any penalty would be

Hon. Mr. STEWART thought the object would be served if a translation were made.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kar amended his motion to read March lat.

This was accepted by the Committee. On Council resuming.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed. SQUATTERS' AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill outitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Squatters' Ordinance, 1890." The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the

Bill was read a third time and passed. LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES AMENDMENT. Hongkong the following year. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL Sir, before

move the thirdrending of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to smend the Liquor Licences Ordi- course of which he has given an account of his come forward to take out administration and Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor administrative duties he was called upon to a few formal smendments to make.

> motion was agreed to. Council then went into Committee on the Bill, and on resuming,

> The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that the Bill be read a third time. The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the

Bill was read a third time and passed. HIS EXCELLENCY-Council will adjourn

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then hold, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding. The following votes were passed :-JUDICIAL AND LEGAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) aid of the Vete, Judicial and Legal Departments, B .- Magistracy, Other Charges, New Territories, Incidental Expenses.

POLICE AND PRISON VOTE. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Forty-four thousand one hundred and twenty-one Dollars (\$44,121) in aid of the Vote, Police and Prison Departments, Special Expenditure, Fire Brigade, Floating Fire Engine.

POST OFFICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Eighty-one thousand three hundred and fourteen Dollars (\$81,314) in aid of the Vote, Post Office, Hongkong Post Office, other Charges, for the following items: -

Carriage of Mails :- . Share of Mail Subsidy Transit Charges ... 881 314

The CHAIRMAN-The vote is largely due to the increased popularity of the Siberian route. Hon. Mr. HEWETT-You get the same postage on the Siberian route?

The CHAIRMAN -Yes, four cents. Hon. Dr. Ho KAI-Is it just that those who make use of the Siberian route should have their excess cost borne by the ratepayers who do not make use of it?

The CHAIRMAN-It is imperial policy.

THE NEW OFFICERS OF H. M. S. "KENT. THEIR SERVICES.

Captain Stuart St. J. Farquer, who has been appointed to take charge of H. M. Kent on recommissioning, entered the fleet about 31 years ago, having become a cadet i January, 1879. He was promoted lisutement in 1885, commander in 1898, and captain

December, 1905 Lioutenant Ralph Collins, who has been appointed first officer of the Kent, has been years in the service, and has heldhis present

rank for the past 10 years. Lieutenant J. C. Davis, the navigating officer, bas served in the navy for nearly & years, and was specially promoted lightenant for his services in North China during the war when he was midshipman in the expedition tothe relief Peking and the operations round Tientsin (mentioned in despatches, medal with slasp).

Lieutenant J. B. Murray, the new ravigating officer, has an experience of 13 years in the Navy, and has held his present rank forkix years. He is qualified to navigate a first-class attieship

OF CERIBOR.

Captain Lawrie, R.M., succeeds Catain Guy V. Robinson, R.M., at present on he Kent, Capt. Lawrie joined the R.M.L.I. B January. 1896, and was promoted captain in May, 1903. He served with the Nav Brigade in South Africa, and was preset at the actions of Sormberg and Queen own, was with the Ladysmith relief with the armoured train parding from Durban, and commanded the cetchment in charge of the Durban water supply medal with clasp); took part in he relief of mintel where he was woundedduring the China War, 1900, the actions aroud Tientsin and the defence of the railway tation, the apture of the Pei-Yang aron, and with clasp for "Relief of Peking!") He also served with the West African Fratier Force for some time, and shared in the brilliant Kano Sokoto Expedition, 1903 (medalwife clasp); and during the troubles in Korea he commanded the Consular Guard at Soul. Captain Lawrie is an expert in Japanese, having qualified to act

as an interpreter some years ago The other new officers of the Kent are:-Commander E. H. Rymer (taling passage in Niobe); Lieut R. J. Buchanan, Lieut. T. R. S. Sneyd (T.), Lieut. R. E. Lubiock, Engineer Con mander E. J. Campbell, Engineer-Lienten-Fleet Surgeon G. Ley, Surgeon J. Glaister, Capt. R.M.L.I. T. E. A. Lawrie, Staff Paymaster O. R. Matthews, Asst Paymaster B. A. Stenton, Sub.-Lieut. M. K. Williamson, Sub.-Lieut. V. Hammersley, Clerk- L. R.

DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

HIS CAREER IN HONGKONG.

It is eighteen years since Sir William Des Voeux left Hongkoug, but there are still many residents in the Colony by whom he is wellremembered and who will regret to read the announcement of his death in our telegraphic news this morning. Sir William Des Voons resigned the Governorship of Hongkong uwing to ill-health, and this step marked the termination of his Colonial service, which he commenced in Upper Canada in 1861. From 1863 to 1869 he was magistrate in British Guiana. His noxt appointment was an Administrator and Colonial Secretary of St. Lucia, position he filled for eleven years. In 1880 he became Governor of the Bahamas, but in the same year he was chosen for the post Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the Western Pacific. In 1886 he was transferred to Newfound and, and he was appointed to

In 1903 Sir William published in two volumes a record of his Colonial Service, in the The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the short trip to Japan, but also had go Home on leave. On that occasion His Excellency was presented with a public address, which we may here reproduce, as it succinctly enumerates the various works undertaken during Sir William's administration. The address, which was presented by the Hon. Mr. Phineas Ryrie, as the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, was as follows :-

> races and classes in this community, are assemhonour as the representative of our Sovereign and the other male passengers seemed to thrive Hongkong flag off the launch was only just lady the Queen-Empress; in the second place, on it. Still, rough weather has its drawbacks, frustrated. The Straits team left Hongkong to acknowledge and thank you heartily for the. and sometimes at night when she gave a big on December 1 by the Namur, and needless to good work you have done for us and for the roll the noise was dealening, just as if all the say, their departure was "fully cheral." Colony during your stay among us, and to crockery in the ship were smashed. Further, express to you and Lady Das Vonx our extreme | when walking along the deck it is more exciting regret that the severe labour you have imposed than amusing to meet the smoking room door on yourself on our behalf and in our service, and the cares and anxieties of government, ently engaged in a clumsy attempt at a hornduring the last two critical years have so seriously affected your health that you have been advised to leave us at so early a period in the term of your government. Your Excellency introduced yourself to us as a man of deeds, not words, and during the two and a half years which have clapsed since then you have fully justified the promise contained in the phrase. You have not only performed most diligently the duties which properly fall to the head of the Executive, but when death, or absence, or illness has left a vacancy in the official ranksthere have been many such-you have worked double tides in order that the public service might not suffer. But you have not only worked hard, but you have put the crown on your work by bringing many things about which we were almost in despair to a successful termination. Victoria College has been epened after many years of promises unfulfilled. The important question of the Gap Rock Light, -fixen lang period of fruitless negotiations, was ment by your Excellency's vigour and determina. extension in front of the naval and military fast and easy throughout, though occasionreservations, a matter involving so many and ally it bumped a bit. It was disheartening conflicting interests, has been finally adjusted or | work for bowlers, but, barring the Hougkong | ore is estimated at 4,785,000,000 long tons, and put in the way of an early and satisfactory settle- innings against Shanghai, the batting did not ment. The general question of recismation along come up to expectation; in fact, a good deal of 52,000,000 tons, the largest total ever produced the foreshore of the Colony, that in other hands it was rank had. Hongkong have a good battwould probably have been debated for years, | ing side, Pearce being a very sound bat, while has received from you prompt attention and vigorous treatment, and has been brought to a definite conclusion. The Wong-nei-Chong Valley has been at last filled up and made useful, and the latest suggestions for its improvement have been readily accepted by your Excellency and have been put in train for accomplish- a glance at the averages would make one think. ment. The constantly recurring difficulties The injury to Hubback weakened the side in with the Chinese authorities on the subject the Shanghai match, while McKenzie was quite of extradition have been faced and not evaded, out of form both with bat and ball. The Shangand an important step has been taken towards | hai batting was weak, Anderson being their putting the matter upon a satisfactory basis. best man. They suffered, as did the Straits, Your Excellency yielded at once to the popular from weak representation. Barrett looked demand for greater publicity in the transactions as if he still could make runs, but did not of the Financial Committee of the Council, and you have at all times shown yourself ready | bowler in the veteran Bird. Baird occasionally and willing to receive and entertain represent sends down a good ball, but otherwise the bow- in 1870 numbered 9,000,000; in 1880, 29,000,000; tains made to you, whether in Council or ling is not very strong, that of the Straits being in 1890, 63,000,000; in 1900, 80,000,000, and in outside, on all subjects of public interest. You superior. Hennessy started bowling rather 1907, 98,000,000. have taken these representations into con- short at the outset, but improved as he went on; sideration without needless delay, and what we and Clarke bowled much better than the figures honour you for most, you have never hesitated indicate. He did some particularly good work to the great American Republic. According to to surrender your preconceived views or at the beginning of Hongkong's second innings the figures of the Census, the wealth of the opinions and to admit that you have been in in the concluding match, and as he made 36 he error when those representations have thrown | had a large share in the victory of the combined new light upon the subject or brought fresh team. Shanghai had two or three average bowl-

plete the work you have so well begun and ernment of the Colony.

"We wish your Excellency, Lady Des Vooux, and your children a very pleasant and prosperous voyage Home, a hearty welcome on your arrival in England, and a speedy restoration to perfect health. We promise your Excellency on your resumption of this government an' enthusiastic reception and our loyal and hearty co-operation.

An address from the Chinese was presented by Dr. He Kai, who, in his speech said: " On occasions like the present, your Excellency is probably aware that there is often capture of the native part of lietsin (medal a great deal of conventionality and sometimes almost insincerity, but I can assure you that on the present occasion there is nothing of

At the end of 1890 Sir William returned to the Colony, but had not been long back before the state of his the land antily compelled him to offer his resignation of office, more than two and a half years before the expiration of the ordinary term of six years. "It was, needless to say, a very severe disappointment. that a career which had been so far unusually successful should have been thus premuturely brought to a close. It had been for some years, he wrote, "the object of my ambition to obtain the Government of one of the Indian provinces or of the Cape of Good Hope, the latter having Dr. P. H. Hennessy, of the Straits. A bat was

special attractions for me on account of its difficulty. But fate ordered otherwise and had to be borne with equanimity."

Before he left Hongkong, liowever, Sir William had a serious difference with the Legislative Council over the subject of the military contribution, and he wrote of it as "an episode which cast a shadow upon some of my last days. in Hongkong: "Writing of his departure from the Colony, Sir William said :-

"Wishing to avoid anything like a public demonstration, we did not make known the hour of our departure, and succeeded in getting away in comparative quiet. But a great number of the colonists came on board the Oceanic to bid ne "good-bye," among whom I was glad to see the members of Council who had been most prominent in the recent attacks upon me. And while referring to this subject, I may mention the gratification with which I observed that when their leader, Mr. Whitehead, as President of the Chamber of Commerce, was some years afterwards commenting upon my acceptance of the office of President of the China Association in London, he, after acknowledging his difference with me in the last months of my career in the Colony, used the most complimentary expressions respecting my administration as a whole, and referred to the loss which the Colony had sustained by my premature departure. He thus showed that when the heat of the moment had subsided, the recollection of what I had done for the Colony had outweighed all other

INTERPORT CONTESTS.

SPECTATOR CRITICISES PLAY AND PLAYERS.

A correspondent who has evinced the keenest interest in the recent Interport matches at Hongkong and who assures the Straits Times that he had no time to take a look round the neighbouring Crown Colony during his visit, has favoured our contemporary with the following impressions of play and players:-

Few who had the privilege and pleasure of travelling up by the steamer Palawan to Hongkong on her last trip desire to repeat the experience, but most things are not as bad as they are nainted, and the journey was not half so bad as the uninitiated also presented to Lieut, R. H. Clarke after one, the Palawan certainly rolled a good out for a stroll, or a heavy garden seat apparpipe. Considerable damage was done in other parts of the ship, ladders swept away, and even the bridge attacked, while there was water in the smoking room on two days and, with the decks impossible, the music saloon was rather uncomfortably crowded. The journey took in all nine days, the vessel being due Hongkong on the I riday morning, and actually arriving on the following Monday afternoon. Needless to say, the anxiety felt in Singapore was reflected in Hongkong, where serious people recalled the tragedy of the Bokhara, and when the vessel was sighted a cruiser was under orders sail within a few hours in search of the missing boat. However, she was sighted just as the opening match- Hongkong v. Shanghai -was starting, and with lovely weather prevailing the interport cricket feetival opened under

the most favourable suspices. TEAMS CRITICISED. The Hongkong Cricket Ground is, as many readers will know, a very small one. During were there, it was beautifully nine, it rather The troublesome question of praya chilly on one or two days. The wicket was Edwards and Maundrell are fine hitters.

The Straits batting was disappointing, and is given by accepted authorities as 60,500,000 the first pair (Eddis and Grenier) were about the long tons. only men that could be relied on. Zehnder played one good innings, as did Maartensz, and Hennessy's batting was much more useful than make many. Hongkong have a good left-handed argument to hear upon your Excellency's ers. The Hongkong fielding was excellent mind. There are still many important ques- until last day, and Garnett in the slips held ten tions awaiting settlement. Your Excellency catches out of eleven attempts. The Straits 000,000,000. The average wealth per capita of has studied them all more or less, and we hope fielding was also pretty good, but Shanghai's was and pray that you will return to us after a short | deplorable. The Straits lost two men badly run absence in renewed health and strength to com- out in their first innings against Hougkong, and several of the side seemed to have the most reorganise and remodel in many ways the gov rudimentary notions of when there is a run, due, primarily, (I course, to the fact that the backing up, etc. To sum up, Hongkong were undoubtedly the best of the three sides, though the Straits team would probably put a much better show against the same team in Singapore, and we suppose Shanghai feel more or less the

HONGKONG'S HOSPITALITY. The Straits swept the board at tennis, and only lost two sets in the four matches. Cox and Biron made quite a good combination, the former excelling at placing and the latter at "killing" the ball. In the singles Cox ran it pretty fine with Toussaint, of Shanghai, losing the first two sets, but he simply made rings round Carr, the Hongkong man. Hongkong hospitality is renowned, and in

this respect the festival just concluded may

well compare with its predecessors. After the conclusion of the Hongkong-Shanghai match a dance was held in the Hongkong Club-surely the finest Club in the East. The teams were also invited to the King's birthday ball at Government House and to the St. Andrew's ball. They also visited the residence of Sir Paul Chater to see his collection of china, which is in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of valued at a million storling. A dinner and smoker was held at the Rongkong Hotelon Saturday. November 27, and a very convivial evening was spent. Mr. F. Maitland, the popular president of the Hongkong Cricket Clab, was in the chair, and in the course of the evening sun ounced that he was presenting bats to the most successful player in each team. The bats were awarded to Mr. B. E. O. Bird, of Hongkong, Mr. B. N. Anderson, of Shanghai, and Lifetime. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Sole Agents.

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might suppose. A small craft and an old his fine play in the concluding match. The list of presentations did not end here, for the deal, but really behaved very well in trying unlucky men of the Straits team received a professional men and traders, representing all circumstances. The passengers stood the racket suitable mements. Hongkong, as cricket chamnobly. The ladies were one or two days invis- pions, retained the visitors' flag, and a spirited bled here to-day, in the first place, to do you lible most of them-but the Straits cricketers effort by our tennis players to bring away the

> THE WEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES.

Some very interesting facts are presented in the Statistical Abstract, issued by the Treasury Department of the United States Government. The first issue of this publication was made thirty years ago, when John Sherman was Secretary of the Treasury, and consisted of about 100 pages. It has increased in size annually since then, and this year it contains 700 papes of solid figures in which conditions in the United States are fully described. It is a statistical record of the country in area, population, wealth, industries, productions and com-

merce from the year 1800 to 1908. While a large share of the territory of the country has come under cultivation, or individual ownership, the figures of the Statistical Abstract show that the amount of land areas still unappropriated and unreserved, in 1908, was 754-895,000 acres. The developed water | ower of the United States is reported at 5,357,000 horsepower, and the number of wheels which it turns at 52,327. The estimated coal supply of the country is made from statements made before the appointment of the Conservation Commission and is placed at 3,135,708,000,000 tons, while the output from the mines of the United States in 1907, the year of the largest production, was 429,000,000 tons. The available supply of iron the production of iron ore in the year 1907 was in a twelvemonth. The pig fron produced in the same year amounted to 25,881,000 long tons, while the world's production of pig iron that year

-The business activities of the inhabitants are illustrated by the figures of the Post Office Department, which show a growth in receipts for postage stamps from \$1,000,000 in 1820 and \$5,500,000 in 1850, to \$191,500,000 in 1908. The number of letters and postal cards sent through the mails of the United States is given as 6.466.-000,000 in 1907, as against 3,263,000,000 handled in the postal service of the German Empire. 5,350,000,000 by the postal service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, 1, 19,000,000 in France, and 1.067,000,000 in Austria-Hungary. The telegraph messages sent in the United States

These tremendous figures are prophetic indications of the vast wealth which is to be credited \$7,000,000,000. In 1860 it had swelled to \$15,000,000,000; in 1870 to \$30,000,0 0,000; in 1880 to \$43,500,000,000; in 1890 to \$65,001,000,000: in 1900 to :88,500,000,00 .; and in 1904 to \$107,population has increased from \$308 in 1850 to \$1,310 in 1904. No nation in the world can exhibit such wonderful figures as these as the record of its material advancement. They are creator of wealth; but too much credit for their manipulation cannot be given to the typical characteristic of the American, which is energy and test in the prosecution of his business. The same unrivaled resources placed at the disposal of a less thrifty people would still be lying useless, awaiting the coming of a race fit to realize their possibilities in the production of wealth. - Exporters and Importers Journal.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued

the following report: On the 16th at 12.05 p.m. The barometer has fallen slightly over S.E. Japan and the Bonins, also over the Cochin China coast. It has risen elsewhere, particularly over N. China.

The anti-cyclonic area remains over the continent to the North of the Yangize. Pressure is low off the coast of S. Annam. and also over the Pacific to the E. of Japan. Very strong monscon will continue to prevail

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The Times Correspondent at Peking wrote,

on the 6th ult :-The Imperial Edict of October 13, which solemnly announced the first meeting on the next day of the Provincial Assemblies, is in form and substance a condensed reiteration of the late Emperor's decree of July 22, 1908, wherein, by order of the Empress Downger, were set forth the generis and purposes of these deliberative bodies. In both the fact is carefully emphasized that the Assemblies' duties are purely consultative and that "the functions of government rest entirely with the officials." As has already been pointed out in The Times (October 15), the programme of preparation for constitutional government, extending over a period of nine years, follows closely the procedure adopted in Japan, the scheme being intended, in the first place, to accustom certain classes of the people to their electoral duties, and to train their representatives for duty hereafter in the Imperial Parliament. Even the nost optimistic of observers, however, looking at the result of the first year's proceedings, and remembering the actual condition of the masses; cannot but be impressed with the seriousness of the problems which await in the near future a nation unfitted by instinct or education for so vast a change, led by a Govern-ment which, while professing liberal principles,

gives no sign of any sincere intention or genuine ability to introduce the fiscal and administrative reforms upon which the peaceful accom- farming, and land can be secured at very low taking place. Poisonous acid gases are distilled utterance of the Prince Ito on this subject has been severely criticized by the Chinese Press as exemplifying Japan's policy of retarding China's progress, but few disinterested observers will be inclined to dispute that great statesman's opinion that China's scheme of constitutional government was premature and under existing conditions, dangerous. knew better than Prince Ito by what a miracle of collective effort of patience and patriotism the Japanese people, not without bloodshed, threw off the bonds of feudalism and took their place in the comity of modern civilization. None knew better than he the stern and vigorons qualities which enabled his country to accomplish this mirac's, and that these are

almost, if not utterly, lacking in the China of

ATTITUDE OF THE RULING CLASSES. Considered in the light of all experience, it may safely by assumed that a large majority of the ruling class in China, and especially of the Maticlins, have not taken the scheme of constitutional government seriously up to the present. The Edicts it is true, contain apecific pledges and a definite programme, but so have innumerable other Edicts which remain, as they were meant to remain, dead letters. In the present instance it had become necessary not only to acquire "face' abroad, but to reassure the large and increasing class of political agitators at home. But while professing a very proper sympathy for all principles of reform in the abstract, it is certain that 90 per cent. of the Manchus at least, and 75 per cent, of the Chinese literati have never had any intention of supporting any scheme of government which would upset the " catablished order of things." They instinctively endorse the views of China's typical "Liberal" statesman, the late Chang Chih tung, and could all give his five reasons (or 50) "for not conceding any civic rights or political liberty to the people. They have no objection to the Throne's public pronouncements on this, or any other, conneel of perfection, and they note with complacency Pontendes for engregatistique with European Parmament in Peking. From their point of view these matters are part of the unalterable order of things established; they no more imply vital changes in the system of government than the engagement of highly paid American experts to make bank-notes in Peking implies reform of the currency. They believe that the proposed Imperial Parliament with its Upper and Lower Houses under an anteerstic Throne will be so constituted as prevent any reduction of the privileges of the ruling class, while affording that class valuable information as to the opinions and doings of "Young China"; and, in the light of all experience, they are justified in constraing the

oned with, in the government of the Empire. THE APPROACHING STORM. But the forces which, instinctively recognized and appreciated by the shrewd statecraft of the late Empress Dowager, induced her at the last to take the initiative in the direction of constitutional government, the forces which are stirring the deep waters of China, au fond, the same elemental impulses which, the fulness of time, bring every nation into peril of change. I hey are evolutionary, if not at the moment revolutionary, forces which must either mend or end the body politic; less articulate, perhaps, and less conscious than those which brought the Russian Duma into being, but none the less formidable. And it is because of this fact, and of the apparently incorrigible corruption and disorganization of the Mandarin system, that one cannot but be impressed with a sense of the immediate dangers which await Chins in transformation, Given time, and Government earnestly striving to strengthen its finances and forces to meet the new corditions, the patient, peace-loving majority of the Chinese people might be relied upon to support law and order; but what is to be hoped from a Government which has no capacity for either one or the other ?

edicts in this way and in regarding the Provin-

cial Assemblies rather as an authorized safety

valve than as a new factor, to be seriously reck

Already, in the opening debates of these Provincial Assemblies, one apprehends the coming chaos, one hears the first whispeing of the approaching storm. Peking, panoplied in ignorance and petrified in medieval statecraft, trifles with Demos at its doors, evidently hoping that the Assembles will consume heir own smoke, and that the Mandarin may be preserved by the time honoured device of lolde -e the bulance between contending classes, But the spirits which the Vermilion Pencil has called from the Celestial deep, though eleted with all possible precautions of "silk-coxed" franchise, and under the close direction of Viceroys and Governors, show signs of mante respect for the Central Government and of ltt. sympathy for its difficulties. Already, withi a fortnight of their birth, many of the A semblies have passed resolutions denouncing several of the Government's pet proposals-e.g. the opium monopoly, the stamp tax, and the foreign loan for the Hankow-Canton and Hankow-Szechuan Railways. In the case of the stamp tax; 15 provinces have expressed the opinion, and have induced the local officials in many cases to endorse it, that the proposed levy is impracticable, so that, in the words of the native Press, "its imposition is deferred and the Ministry of Finance is at its wits' end,' Concerning the vexed question of the railway loan, the Hupei Assembly is reported to have endorsed, without a dissentient, their chairman's declaration that the Government's scheme should be resisted " to the death."

The spirit which animates these Assemblier is evidently very similar to that which speaks through the vermacular Press; iconoclastic, Introtion in the sense that it denounces everything foreign but lacking, so far, in intelligent leedership and constructive policy. Their attitude towards the Central Government is generally one of searcely veiled contempt. cannot illustrate better its general tendency than in the words of a native journalist who, in a recent criticism of the Grand Council. congratulated these rulers of China on their remarkable longevity, but observed that "there is little hope of longevity for an Empire that is

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governed by such incompetent survivals."

In a report to the Colonial Office, Lord Blyth particular, but extended his tour to the Orange River Colony, the Transvani, and Natal.

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necessary knowledge of agriculture there can be no doubt that those who embark in this, the first of industries, will have ample opportunities of gaining a sure and pleasant livelihood for themselves and their families; and the British Government should consider the advisability of offering facilities and vacouragement to suitable would-be settlers to migrate to South Africa, where such hopeful chances of success

await them." He concludes :- "Those who have not seen with their own eyes as I have the promise of great things in South Africa, and even those who have been waiting long for the fulfilment of that promise on the spot, may think my forcast of the future too optimistic. I have, however, not penned my report without careful weighing of the conditions and facts which are there cooperating to bring about a rapid progress both

in agriculture and commerce. "It is chiefly the giant strides which applied science has made all over the world which incline me to that optimism, and embolden me to say that of all the British Colonial possessions, United South Africa is the portion where the application of science in developing her numerous natural advantages of soil and climate will best come into play, in contradistinction to those parts of our Dominions where the problem rather is to overcome than to foster the forces of nature.

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RHIO STRAITS COLLISION.

JUDGMENT OF COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The following is the text of the judgment

given by the Marine Court of Euquiry at Singapore in the collision between the French mail steamer La Seyne and the B. I. Onda in the Rhio Straits on November 14 :--

In the matter of an enquiry held at Singapore on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th days of November before Littleton Edward Pipe Wolfestan, assisted by Charles Amyns Radcliffe, Henry Percy Douglas, Edwin Frederick Stovell and Henry Sutherland Hauxwell into the circumstances attending the loss of the steamship La Seyne in collision with the steamship Onda, the Court finds as follows:-

The steamship Ondu was properly (2) found and in a thoroughly seaworthy condition on leaving Singapore on the 13th November, 1909, bound for Toyal and Java ports.

(3) The steamship La Seyne was (4) properly found and in a thoroughly seaworthy condition on leaving Batavia on the 12th November, 19.9. bound for Singapore.

(5) The usual and proper complement of officers was available for duty on both ships. (6) The masthead light of La Seyne was reported to the Master of the Onda and seen by him about 4 a.m. and her green light at 4.10 a.m. The bearing of the lights of La Se ne was then about & point on the port bow of the Onda. The Onda was then in a position North 22 East, (with the leading lights in transit on Pulau Tujoh) and three miles from Pulau Sau light,

(7) A look-out man was on duty on board the Onda, and he reported the lights to the officer on the bridge prior to the collision. (8) There is no evidence to show whether the

ights of the Onda were or were not observed by La Seyne until immediately before the collision The look-out man and the officer in charge of the deck of La Scyne were both drowned. (9) There is no evidence to show whether there was a look-out man on duty on La Seyne

after 4 a.m. or whether a report of any light (10 and 11) Under article 19 of the Regulation for the prevention of collisions at sea it was the duty of La Seyne to keep out of the way of the Onda, and she failed to do so, not taking CHILDREN

action until too late when a collision was

imminent, thereby infringing the article. The action eventually taken by La Seyne caused her, while under a port helm, to cross ahead of the Onda, thereby infringing Article 22. The taster of the Onda in starboarding his (Formerly of the Imperial Chinese Customs helm before he was justified in doing so committed an error of judgment. Further, the Master of the Onda in going hard astarboard when collision was imminent did not take such

action as would best aid to avert a collision. (12) Every possible step was taken by the the passengers, officers and crow of La Seyne, (13) La Seyne gank 11 minutes after the collision and there was no time to do anything to save life. (14) Ninety-three persons are believed to

have lost their lives in the collision. (15) La Seyne by infringing articles 19 and 22 was the direct cause of the collision. The Master of the Onda for the error of judgment committed immediately before the collision

(16) The damage to the Onda is set out in the certificate of the Inspector of Marine Surveys, attached.

(17) La Seyne sank in 18 fathoms of water DAILY PRESS" Office. and is probably a total loss,

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have left the Godowns, and all' Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 9.30 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1909.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

" SCANDIA." Captain V. Döhren, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous, Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned

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FROM NEW, YORK,

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Hamburg-Amerika Linie. HENRIK IBSEN, Norwegian str., 3,000, Chr. Smith, 15th Dec .- Portland (Oregeon) via Japan 3rd Nov., Flour-Order. KIUKIANG, British str., 1,225, Robertson, 16th Dec.—Chinkiang 11th Dec., General—

Butterfield & Swire. VICTORIA, Swedish str., 989; Ther Eckert, 15th Dec.-Haiphong 11th and Heihow 14th Dec., Rice and General - Wallem & Co.

CLEARANCES. AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 16th December. Bushu Maru, Jap. str., for Moji. Ceylon Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai. Childar, Norwegian str., for Hoihow. Chowfa, German str., for Hoihow. Haiching, British str., for Swatow. Kisagata Maru, Jap. str., for Hongay. Marie, German str., for Takao. Shakano Maru, Japanese str., for Moji.

DEPARTURES. 16th December. Annui, British str., for Canton. BINGO MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore. BRAND, Norwegian str., for Canton. CHENAN, British str., for Shanghai. CHOYSANG, British str., for Canton. HUNAN, British str., for Shanghai. Ischia, Italian str.; for Singapore. KATUNA, British str., for Shanghai. LIANGCHOW, British str., for Tsington. MISHIMA MARU, Jap. str., for Yokohama. Scandia, German str., for Shanghai. YOCHOW, British str., for Ningpo.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British str. Choysang reports: Strong N.W. winds to fresh N.E. monsoon.

YU SHUN, Chinese str., for Canton.

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	* MANILA	"LOONGSANG" Friday. 24th Dec., 4 P.M.	
	† PH'HAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG" Sunday. 26th Dec. D'light	b
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WED'DAY, 19th Jan.

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WED'DAY, 22nd Dec.,

from YOKOHAMA.

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU leaving AWA MARU Hongkong 8th Jan., due Kobe 13th Jan., connects) ... VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE

(NIKKO MARU leaving Hongkong 19th Jan., due Kohe. 25th & Yokohama 27th Jan., connecta)

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Capt. A. Keith.

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TAMBA MARU Capt. C. H. Butler, BOMBAY via SINGAPORE TAKASAKI MARU and COLOMBO

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TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of Dec.	SHANGHAI	Second half of
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TJIMAHI	JAPAN	Second half of Dec.	JAVA	Second malf of
IJIKINI	JAPAN	Second half of Dec.	JAVA	First half of
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MACEDONIA 10500	March 5 March 19	MALWA11000 (Through Steamer) calling at BOMBAY)	April 2 April 16	April 8 April 22
DEVANHA 8000 ASSAYE 8000 DELTA 7500 DELHI 8000	April 2 April 16 April 30 May 14	MONGOLIA 10600 MARMORA 10500 MOREA 11000 MOOLTAN 10000	April 30 May 14 May 28 June 12	May 20 June 3 June 18

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDIS1 transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at the time of Booking. FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax): 1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE. £106.14 RETURN.

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* SYRIA	about January 26 February 9 February 23 March 23 April 20 May 4 May 18	about March 12 March 26 April 9 May 7 June 4 June 18 July 2

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TACOMA VIA MOJI, KOBE	"TACOMA MARU" Capt H. Yamamoto, "SEATTLE MARU"	6,178	FRIDAY, 17th Dec., at 4 P.M. FRIDAY, 21st Jan.
	Capt. T. Saito,	6,182	at Noon 1910.

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Номокомо, - DECEMBER 16тн, 1909.

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Date due in Hongkong. from London.

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26th & 27th Nov. The departure of the GERMAN Mail for EUROPE is post poned until further

The Occasion, with the French Mail of the 19th November, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 5 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 21st instant, at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkoug on the 16th October.

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Haiphong Ningpo and Shanghai Maoao Shanghai Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Tacoma Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokoham Mani'a	Wosang Sui tu. Tjipan 1. Tacoma Maru Penbrokeshire Tuensang	Friday, 17th, 1.00 r. a Friday, 17th, 1.15 r.m. Friday, 17th, 2.00 p.m.
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THE INDIAN MAIL. The Apear str. Catherine Apear from Calcutta left Singapore on the 10th instant p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Indo-China str. Kutsang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL. The M.M. str. Oceanien, with the French Mail of the 21st ultimo, and mails from London of the 20th ultimo, left Singapore on the 14th instant, at 5 a.m. via Saigon, and is expected to arrive here on or about Monday morning, the 20th instant, and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL. The N.Y.K. str. Yawata Maru (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P.M. str. Manchuria sails from Yokohama on the 11th inst. en route to Hongkong vin Nagasaki und Manila, and is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 23rd inst.

MEECHANT STEAMERS. The Shire Line str. Pembrokeshire left Singapore for Hongkong on the 9th inst. at

11 a.m., and may be expected here to-day The Austrian Lloyd's str. Persia left Singapore for this port on the 9th instant, and is due-

here to-day. The C.N. Co.'s str. Kueichow left Tientsin on the 10th just, and is due here to-day. The C.N. Co's str. Tean left Manile on the

14th instant, and may be expected here to-day. The N.Y.K. str. Ceylon Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 28th ultimo, and is expected her on the 19th Union Waterboat Co., Limited

The P. & O. str. Syria left Singapore for RUBBERS .this port on the 15th instant, and is due here on the 19th instant, at about 4 p.m. The C.N. Co.'s str. Linan left Shanghai on the 16th inst., and may be expected here on the

19th instant. -The C.N. Co.'s str. Kaifong left Hoile on the 14th instant, and may be expected here on the 19th instant.

The C.N. Co.'s str. Sin on left Haiphong on the 14th inst., and may be expected here on the 20th instant. The N.Y.K. str. Hirano Maru (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 11th instant, and is expected

here on the 20th inst. The N.Y.K. str. Kumano Maru (Australia Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki on the 11th instant, and

is expected here on the 2'st inst. The Danish str. Siam left Port Said on the 21st ultimo, and may be expected here on

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

Annui, British lett., 1,259, J. B. Harris, 16th Dec.—Shanghai 12th December, General— Butterfield & Swire.

BRAND, Norwegian str., 1,519, Evensen, 15th Dec.-Chinkiang 9th Dec., General-Wallem & Co.

Bushu Maru, Jap. str., 1,968, S. Masumote, 14th December - Moji 9th December, Cont CHILDAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, H. Nilsen.

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C. M. S. N. Co. DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., 1,735, Kobayashi, 9th Dec. Wakamatsu 4th Dec., Coal-Mitsu Bishi Goshi Kwaisha.

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FURUI MARU, Japanese str., 4.189, Y. Mura-kani, 14th Dec.—Moji 9th Dec., Coal— Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. HAIGHING, British str., 1,269. W. C. Passmore, 15th Dec .- Coast Ports 14th Dec., General

-Douglas, Lapraik & Co. HALVARD, Norwegian str., 1,655, Anderson, 14th Dec .- Bangkok 4th Dec. Rice-Asgaard, Thoresen & Co. HSIN CHANG, Chinese str.; 1,258, J. Whitlaw,

15th Dec. - Tientsin 9th Dec., General-C. M. S. N. Co. COMENEUS, British str., 4,250, R. A. Tillotson, 12th Dec.—Saigon 8th Dec., General—

Butterfield & Swire. JAPAN, British str., 3,806, J. G. Olifent, 13th December Moji 8th December, General and Coal-David Sassoon & Co.

Oguri, 12th Dec.—Moji 6th Dec., Coal— Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. MANSHU MARU, Japanese str., 3,254, H. Nishi, 10th Dec. - Moji 4th December, General --Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

Marie, German str. 1,169, P. E. Christiansen, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast-Jebsen & Co. ONSANG, British str., 1,787, E. S. Wooley, 10th

Dec.-Jave 29th Nov., Sugar-Jardine, Matheson & Co. PETCHABURI, German str., 1,373, C. Gesewirch, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 4th and Swatow 12th Dec., Rice and Meal—Butterfield & Swire.

PRONTO, Nerwegian atr., 838, Th. Seeberg, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 10th December—Asgaard, PROTEUS, Norwegien str., 1,024, C. Moller, 10th Dec.—Bangkok and Swatow 9th Dec., Rice—Asguard, Thoresen & Co.
Shakano Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,064, K.
Nagata, 10th December—Karatan, Cosi—

Shewan, Tomes & Co. Shansi, British str., 1,228, G. W. Eedy, 9th.
Dec.—Heinko, Horses—Chinese Military.
Siberia, American str., 5,655, A. Zeeder, 6th
Dec.—San Francisco 9th Nov., Mails and

General—P. M. S.S. Co.

TACOMA MARU Japanese str., 6,178, H. Yamsmoto, 9th Dec.—Shangkai 6th December,
General Oscilla Shosen Kaisha
Telemachus, British str., 1,340, G. Edwards,

6th December—Saigon 30th Nov. Rice and General—Chinese.
Turouss Dutch str., 2,943, P.G. v. Emmericell,

15th Dec.-Batavia 5th Dec., General-Jave-China-Japan Dijn.
Tsunugisan Maru, Japanese str., W. Nagatsu,
12th Dec. Milke 7th Dec., Coal—Mitsui

Bussan Kaisha. YAWATA MARU. Jap. str., 2,703, K. Sokuma, 12th December Moji 7th Dec., Coal-

Ataka & Co. YUENSANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 13th December - Manila 10th Dec., General -Jardine, Matheson & Co. YU SHUN, Chinese str., 1,079, C. Westerfund,

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COMET, British barque, 2,890, W. J. Davis, 18th November—New York — Oil— Standard Oil Co.

LYNDHUBET, British ship, 2,244, Parriell, 16th October-Canton 15th October, Ballast-Standard Oil Co.

PASSENGERS.

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